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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 11 October 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1,8,10,18,25,30 and 37.

Identification of prior art discussed: Ortega et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,535,848) and Iwase et al. (U.S. Pat Pub. 2002/0097262A1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's attorney argued that the prior art relied on for the rejection does not teach the previously amended subject matter of a plurality of ports each associated with a numeric option. The Examiner agreed. Also, the attorney argued in claim 30 that the prior art does not teach both assigning a numeric option to a archival device and subsequently entering this numeric option to choose the device. The Examiner agreed. Further independent claims may be amended to clarify this distinction. Applicant's attorney will timely file his response and the Examiner will perform an updated search.